

# BOROUGH OF GLASTONBURY.

# Medical Officer's Report for 1921.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF  
GLASTONBURY.

## GENTLEMEN.

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1921:—

#### I.—Area.—5000 Acres.

**Population** (1921).—4,297.

**Number of Inhabited Houses.—1,094.**

**Number of Families or Separate Occupiers.—I,115.**

**Rateable Value.**—£19,516.

**Sum Represented by a Penny Rate.—£81 9s. 1d.**

		Total.	M.	F.		
<b>II.—Births</b>	Legitimate	..	78	38	40	<b>Birth Rate (R.G.)</b>
	Illegitimate	..	2	—	2	... 18.62 per 1,000

**Deaths** .. . . . 38 20 18 **Death Rate (R.G.)** .. 8.84 „ „

Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-birth: from Sepsis, o; other causes, o.

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births: Legion  
Health Department, 1961.

Under one week, i. Age 4 months, i. Death Rate: 25.64 per 1,000.  
Deaths from Measles (all ages), o. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), o. Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), o.

### III - Notifiable Diseases during the Year

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria .. .. .. .. ..	21	13	
Scarlet Fever .. .. .. .. ..	1		
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) .. ..	—		
Puerperal Fever .. .. .. .. ..	—		
Pneumonia .. .. .. .. ..	—		
Other Diseases generally notifiable:—			
Erysipelas .. .. .. .. ..	2		
Other Diseases notifiable locally .. ..	—		
Tuberculosis:—			
(a) Pulmonary { M. .. .. .. .. ..	2		
F. .. .. .. .. ..	0		
Total .. .. .. .. ..	2		
(b) Non-pulmonary { M. .. .. .. .. ..	0		
F. .. .. .. .. ..	0		
Total .. .. .. .. ..	0		

### Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Nil.

**IV.—Causes of Sickness.**—During the earlier part of the year many scattered cases of Diphtheria occurred, all traceable to the original epidemic occurring in 1920.

There was a minor epidemic of influenza of a mild type during January and February, otherwise the borough was free from epidemic trouble.

**V.—Nursing.**—There is a private NURSING ASSOCIATION in the town, which is affiliated to the Somerset County Nursing Association. There is also a MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE, at which two fully trained nurses are present once a fortnight, and a qualified medical practitioner once a month. This continues to do very good work.

There is a TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY situated in the Borough which continues to do excellent work, aided by the co-operation of the medical men in the district. There is also a Tuberculosis Care Committee, which very successfully looks after the patients who no longer attend at the Dispensary, and those who have left any of the Sanatoria. In the same building there is a department for the treatment of Venereal Disease. An ambulance is available in the town for the use of acute cases arising from accident or disease.

**VI.**—Diphtheria Antitoxin is kept by the Medical Officer of Health for supply to doctors in the district.

## VIII.—HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(Merrick, Waller)

Cost per house.—A.—Parlour Type. B.—Non-Parlour Type.:

Figures not yet available. Cost has to be adjusted according to scale on completion.

# Inspector's Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the year 1921.

PARISH.										Results of Inspection.		House Drains.		Privies and W.C.s.		Water Supply.		MISCELLANEOUS	
										No. of complaints received during the year.									
										No. of inspections of houses, premises, etc.									
										No. of re-inspections of houses, premises, etc.									
										Orders issued for sanitary amendments of houses and premises, etc.									
										Houses, premises, etc., cleansed, repaired, whitewashed, etc.									
										Houses disinfected after illness of an infectious character.									
										Repairs, cleansed, trapped, etc.									
										Ventilated.									
										Repairs, etc.									
										Supplied with water.									
										New provided.									
										Dangerous structures.									
										Overcrowded premises.									
										Cisterns (new) erected.									
										Cisterns cleansed, repaired and covered.									
										Waste pipes connected with drains, etc., abolished.									
										No. of Lodging houses registered.									
										Dust removal. No. of communications received and attended to.									
										Removal of accumulations of dung, stagnant water, animal and other refuse.									
										Animals removed, being improperly kept.									
										Bakehouses.									
										Licensed cowsheds and milk-shops, and cow-keepers.									
										Registered slaughter-houses and meat-shops.									
										Meat, etc., condemned.									
										Legal proceedings e.g., Summonses.									
										Note: a. Cowsheds. b. Milk Retailers.									

To F. J. ALDRIDGE, Esq., B.M., MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR,—Herewith I beg to hand you my report for the year ending 31st December, 1921, comprising the Inspections made under the Public Health and Local Government Acts. The inspections made under the Factory and Workshops Act, Dairies, Slaughter Houses, Housing and Town-Planning, etc., are not included in the above figures, being recorded elsewhere. Disinfection of premises after Infectious Diseases has in all cases been carried out by Spraying and fumigating with Formalin. Overcrowding of premises is unfortunately prevalent in consequence of the shortage of house accommodation. I have as far as possible dealt with the more flagrant cases which have come to my notice.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

GEORGE ALVES,

## Sanitary Inspector

At the end of 1921 eight only of the New Houses were in occupation. Since that date ten more are occupied, and the whole of the 42 will be ready for occupation by or before Midsummer next. Up to the present these new erections do not appear to have met the want of more houses among the poorer labourer and artisan classes, and many buildings which are not reasonably fit for occupation are still in use as Dwellings in consequence of there being no other houses available.

The original Housing Scheme was for 142 houses, but the Ministry of Health has for the present cut the same down to 42. The Housing Committee have received at least 70 applications for these 42 houses.

**VII.—Sanitary Administration.**—There has been no change since last year.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

**F. J. ALDRIDGE**, Medical Officer of Health.